

Application No. 09/758,002
Response to Office Action

Customer No. 01933

R E M A R K S

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of the subject matter of claims 2-6 is respectfully acknowledged.

Claims 1-18 have been canceled, and new claims 19-25 have been added to place the application in condition for allowance.

New independent claim 19 recites the subject matter of original claim 1 and the subject matter of original claim 2 which the Examiner has indicated to be allowable. In particular, it is noted that new independent claim 19 recites the allowable feature of the present invention pointed out by the Examiner in the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance whereby the controller controls a start timing of light emission from the light source mechanism such that substantially none of the exposing light emitted from the light source mechanism leaks outside through the dynamic-document reading section. In addition, it is noted that new independent claim 19 omits unnecessary recitations of the document covering member and image capturing element and some unnecessary description of the movement and positioning of the light source mechanism previously recited in claim 1.

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New claim 20 recites the subject matter of original claim 2, except for the allowable subject matter now recited in new independent claim 19.

And new claims 21-25 recite the subject matter of original claims 3-7, respectively.

No new matter has been added, and no new issues with respect to patentability have been raised. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that new claims 19-25 are now in condition for immediate allowance.

THE SPECIFICATION

The specification has been amended to correct some minor informalities of which the undersigned has become aware, including the informality pointed out by the Examiner, and the abstract has been amended to better comply with the requirements of MPEP 608.01(b), as required by the Examiner. No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the specification be approved and entered, and that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

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In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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